

2017 Michigan Notable Books Author Tour – Talking Points to Introduce Your Author's Session

Welcome, and thank you for coming to this [afternoon's/evening's] presentation. The staff at the [Your Library Name] is pleased you could join us and confident you'll enjoy your time spent with [Author Name].

It is an honor for me to introduce [Author Name], who is visiting our community as part of the Library of Michigan's 2017 Michigan Notable Books author tour. Every year, the Michigan Notable Books program chooses 20 outstanding fiction and nonfiction books written about Michigan or by a Michigan author and published the previous calendar year. I encourage you to check the complete 2017 list printed on the bookmarks we've made available. There are some wonderful books about Michigan on the list that you will enjoy reading. For more information on the Notable Books program and to review prior years' lists, visit on line at the Michigan Notable Books website. michigan.gov/notablebooks.

This year several authors will visit 50 libraries throughout the state during April, May and June. [Your Library Name] was fortunate to have been selected as a tour stop this year. These free-to-the-public presentations are brought to you by the Library of Michigan, Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Humanities Council, the Library of Michigan Foundation, Meijer and the Michigan Center for the Book. Media sponsors are, *City Pulse Dome*, and Queue Advertising and Gennara Photography. We want to thank these sponsors for making this program possible through their generous support.

The Michigan Humanities Council has asked that you fill out the survey that was placed on your chairs. Please let them know if it was worthwhile for you to attend today's session. You can fill it out and leave it on the chair or return it to me at the end of the program.

Now, it gives me great pleasure to introduce [Author Name]. [Use author bio provided].